

CALL OFF PLUMBERS' STRIKE AT CAMP DIX

Government Refused to Discuss Wage Adjustment Until Men Resumed Work

SUICIDE IS ATTEMPTED

Regiment, Perhaps Brigade, Here April 27 for Liberty Loan Demonstration

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., April 10.

Instructions from the Government that they would not discuss any wage differences with plumbers, who quit work on the base hospital buildings.

Several weeks ago the Master Plumbers decided to advance wages from sixty-two and one-half cents to seventy-five cents an hour and the men employed here by Piper Brothers, who are doing the plumbing work on the various convalescent wards, and by George Wrenn, who has the contract for the new nurses' home and the Cross building, demanded the increase from the contractors.

Arrangements are being made by a committee of Philadelphia residents whereby a part of the "Lightning" division will take part in a Liberty Loan demonstration in the Quaker City on April 27.

Recruit Frederick Linberry, who was sent down a week ago by Draft Board No. 10, of Newark, is in the base hospital suffering from wounds caused when he slashed his throat in an attempt to commit suicide just before sunrise Sunday.

The mission for Catholic soldiers will close tomorrow, when the men will receive holy communion in a body.

A school for chauffeurs and mechanics is now under way in the repair shop of the 27th Motortruck Company.

AIRPLANES CONVOY TRAIN

Unusual Escort Provided for Miss Wilson in Texas

Waco, Tex., April 10.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, was escorted by a convoy of airplanes from Rich Field when she left here for Austin.

The machines, in battle formation, flew over the train for many miles and then returned to Waco.

Miss Wilson has been making a tour of the army cantonments in Texas.

HOES REPLACING GUNS IN AUSTRIAN ARMIES

Dual Monarchy Sends Farmer-Soldiers to Fields to Meet Pressing Food Needs

With the American Army in France, April 10.—The Austrian high command is granting leaves of absence to farmers and foresters during the busy season of agricultural activities to take care of the crops this spring.

MEADE MEN TO SAIL BEFORE HOT MONTHS

Nobody Knows When, but Liberty Division's Machine-Gun Battalions Are Shifted

Camp Meade, Md., April 10.—Nobody at this camp knows when the Liberty Division will be called for overseas service, but there is an unusual amount of activity at headquarters and a heap of talk in the barracks.

Officers who claim to be on the "inside" and in touch with the big chiefs at Washington, feel confident that the Liberty Division will sail before the hot months of summer, and to substantiate that claim are pointing to reorganization of the machine gun battalions.

Orders were issued today which make it possible for the 211th and 212th machine gun battalions to get on a war footing very speedily.

As for the 210th, the new plan calls for a complete motorization of the battalion. Motorizing machine gun units is a new "trick," but one that is essential, according to division officers.

Another move was out from Little Point's military organization today when a detachment of the Forty-fifth Engineers was sent to Camp Humphreys, Accotink, Va.

The camp's wrestling tournament opens tonight under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and among the first mat artists to perform will be the giant Italian, Paul Mammucari, who claims to be the champion wrestler of Rome.

Yesterday's driving rain proved a blessing to the boys, for it gave them a relief from outdoor drills and permitted the men who participated in the Baltimore hike to take a much-needed rest.

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JOHN J. KENNEDY

At the age of nineteen, he is now a first-class yeoman in the navy, after enlisting when seventeen years old. His home is at 822 East Allegheny avenue, and his brother, Henry J. Kennedy, is now in active service in France.

LEND GREECE \$64,000,000

Latest of Allied Belligerents to Get United States Loan

Washington, April 10.—The United States will make a loan of \$64,000,000 to Greece as soon as the Greek Parliament has passed the necessary authorizing legislation.

The credit was arranged in Paris by Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and American representative on the Inter-Allied council.

It was found necessary, however, for the Greek Government to obtain special legislation before finally concluding an agreement.

Green is the latest of the Allied belligerents in Europe to get a loan from the United States. A credit of \$5,000,000 for Romania was arranged several months ago and a payment of \$3,000,000 was made through Russia.

Overthrow of the Kerensky government prevented its delivery, however, and it was returned to the Treasury here. In view of the indefinite situation on the Romanian front the status of this loan has not definitely been determined.

War Hard on German Nobility

Amsterdam, April 10.—Latest issues of Gotha's Genealogical Manual show the heavy drain of the war on German nobility.

Summarized by the Kolnische Volkszeitung, the manual shows these losses: Two hundred and seventy members of families of counts, 633 members of baronial families, 832 members of the old nobility and 825 of the patent nobility.

28TH DIVISION READY TO GO INTO TRENCHES

Pennsylvanians at Camp Hancock Are Eager to Exchange Sample for Reality

WANT TO MEET BOCHE

Defense and Offense, With Bayonet and Bullet, Taught in Finishing Touches

Special Telegram to Public Ledger Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., April 10.—Soldiers of the twenty-eighth division will not be green to warfare as it is staged in France when they go across.

Every day sees the soldiers becoming more and more proficient in the business of war, and when the time comes to go across the Keystone Division will be ready to a man to take its place in the front-line trenches.

Trench work is occupying the attention of the infantrymen at present, and despite the hardships, the men as a rule like the sampling and are anxious to taste the real article.

From easy shifts in the trenches through various stages the four infantry regiments have progressed to the point where the men are occupying the division trenches for forty-eight-hour periods during which they eat, drill and sleep in the intrenchments and dug-outs.

Forty-eight hours in trenches means two days and two nights, and is almost equal to the shifts which they will have to do when they go across.

It is hard work, but is borne with a relish, for it's needed preparation. Day and night in the trenches is not just eating, sleeping and drilling, for there are other things that take the form of attacks by day and night, raids and the like.

The latest phase of the training is gas-defense drill in the trenches, at which the men under actual conditions which they will encounter in France are instructed in donning their gas masks to ward off the poisonous gas which the boche will launch at them.

A demonstration was held yesterday, which was highly commended by the officers. All instruction at the camp, however, is not of a defensive nature. Instead, the offensive is being taught with as much application.

The bullets-and-bayonet drill is being pushed throughout the division. The members of the old Pennsylvania Guard carried bayonets, but they were useless toys compared with the dangerous weapon into which they have developed under the careful tutelage of the officers of the French and British army mission.

Bayonet work is no longer a sporting proposition; instead, it is a stern reality wherein no retreat is taught—nothing but the quickest and shortest job, with death as the finish for the Hun who is in the path.

From clumsy efforts at first the Pennsylvanians have so carefully plodded along at "going over the top" until they do it with a grace and snap that carries everything before it and causes exclamation of wonderment at their dash from charging officers and others who have witnessed them.

Target practice also is being pushed, and from firing at regulation targets to stimulating the imagination by shooting at a life-size picture of a Boche, the pace of the Keystone division are becoming adept shots.

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Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Camp McCrellan, Anniston, Ala., April 10.—The second demand for a heavy draft of enlisted men to be made within a month has been complied with here in the selection of 600 privates from the two infantry brigades.

These men, taken in all probability to be used in replacing the killed and wounded in Pershing's expeditionary force, have been transferred to the infantry unassigned and will remain here for the present.

New Jersey gave two-thirds of the entire quota, 400 men having been selected from the 113th and 114th Infantry regiments, which are in the 27th Infantry Brigade. Maryland and Virginia contributed the other 200 men from the 115th Infantry and 116th Infantry.

A few weeks ago more than 700 men were selected in a similar manner. All of the men in the present draft are privates and the various organizations have sent some of their best soldiers among the 600 which the Blue and Gray Division has been called upon to release.

War Department orders providing furloughs for men needed at home to assist on their farms with the spring planting have been received at headquarters here. So far the requests for such furloughs have been less than ten.

It is not believed likely that there will be any extensive outpouring of men from this division.

The big jobs of the Fifty-eighth Infantry Brigade and supporting organizations, which were to have started yesterday morning, was postponed owing to the severe storm that raged over this section of the South.

Lack of transportation facilities caused hundreds of soldiers to be caught in the city. Men slept all night on the floors at one of the hotels and every available bed in the city was utilized.

Four bands from this division are assisting the Calliope Liberty Loan boosters in their big campaign.

The death recently of Private William H. Biew, of Bridgeton, a member of Company M, 113th Infantry, cast a gloom over the boys of his company and his friends in the New Jersey organization.

Biew died at the base hospital of pneumonia. His body has been sent home for interment.

A new efficiency board has been named by Major General Charles G. Mors. It consists of Lieutenant Colonel William B. Martin, Elizabeth; Lieutenant Colonel Claude E. Landrum, East Orange; and Lieutenant Colonel Edward C. James, East Orange.

SEND ZIONISTS TO DOCTORS

Medical Unit Will Leave to Help Build New Jewish State

New York, April 10.—The American Zionists will soon send forty-one doctors, nurses, sanitarians, mechanics, pharmacists and dentists to Palestine to cooperate with the Jewish administrative commission which is laying the foundation for the future Jewish State in the Holy Land.

The movement has been sanctioned by the United States and British Governments. The unit was equipped at a cost of \$250,000 by Hadassah, the women's branch of the Zionist cause.

A hospital in Jerusalem already has been placed at the disposal of the American contingent.

SHOOTS AT 3; NONE HIT

Reading Man Charged With Murder Attempt After Restaurant Fight

Reading, Pa., April 10.—Paul Halkals, thirty years old, is under arrest here on a charge of attempt to murder two fellow countrymen, John Didera and Peter Taporil, and Captain Charles G. Miller, police detective.

Passing Halkals's restaurant, Captain Miller heard two shots and saw Didera and Taporil running out of the place. Miller says he saw Halkals brandishing a revolver and wildly gesticulating.

The detective made a rush for the man with the later fired twice at him, the other reported, one bullet barely nipping the detective's shoulder.

Women in the place blocked passage of Halkals, when the latter turned and fled, long enough to enable Halkals to get out of the restaurant, but the detective chased the man over back into the caught him.

TO OPEN CAMDEN SCHOOL

\$500,000 Building to Be Dedicated on April 25

Camden's new \$500,000 schoolhouse will be dedicated April 25, although it will be in use early next week.

Provost Edgar F. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania; Governor Walter Edge, of New Jersey; and other prominent men will take part in the exercises.

Pupils will have been moved into the spacious new building before the end of the week, it is understood. Edmund H. Field, president of the Board of Education, is preparing to put the new structure to immediate use.

U. S. Confirms Order for Suspension of New York Egg Concern

New York, April 10.—The rule that a company which buys food products from a purveyor at a price which it knows to be unreasonably becomes the condition by which the excessive charge is passed along to the consumer was followed by the United States Food Administration in approving the order of the Federal food board of New York directing Swift & Co. to suspend all dealings in eggs in New York city for a thirty-day period, with such exceptions as the Federal food board in this city may deem best for the good of the public.

KAZAN NEW REPUBLIC

Province in Eastern European Russia Declares Its Independence

London, April 10.—According to a dispatch from Petrograd Kazan Province, in eastern European Russia, has been proclaimed an independent republic by the congress of peasants in that province.

The council of people's commissioners has been notified of this effect. Kazan Province is in the Volga region and its capital, Kazan, is 450 miles east of Moscow.

The population of more than 2,000,000 is about one-half Russian and more than one-fourth Tatar. Its area is 24,600 square miles.

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